




Sully Spotlight

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To Serve and Protect

MPO W. M. Brock

Why do we become police officers? There is not one specific answer to this question. Each individual that takes this step has their own reasons. With this being said, I do believe that every police officer wants to help others who may be in need, protect those who do not have the means to protect themselves and try to make the world a better and safer place to live.

With the job, there comes risks and many police officers have died in the performance of their duties. Some as the result of a violent act and some from something as simple as a traffic crash. Here are some facts* about law enforcement:

- ☞ There are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in the United States today.
- ☞ Since 1792, there have been more than 18,200 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.
- ☞ Approximately 1,671 law enforcement officers have been killed in the last ten years. This is an average of one death every 53 hours or 167 deaths per year.
- ☞ There are approximately 56,000 law enforcement officers assaulted each year. Of these assaults, 16,000 resulted in injuries to the officers involved.

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. This is a day to remember and honor all law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives to protect our communities and way of life here in the United States.



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Events of Interest

June 25: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
-Touch-a-Truck Community Event at Ox Hill Baptist Church, 4101 Elmwood St., Chantilly, VA

August 4: National Night Out



* Facts from National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund website:
<http://www.lawmemorial.org/index.htm>

Safe Food

By: MPO W. M. Brock

The Department Of Health is stressing the importance of protecting you and your family from foodborne illness. This is a serious concern and we are all at risk. With the weather turning warmer and plenty of cookouts and picnics ahead, now is the time to take extra precautions and keep your food bacteria-free.

Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that there are approximately 76 million cases of foodborne illness occurring in the United States each year. Of these cases, more than 325,000 people are hospitalized and 5,000 die. This equals to approximately 13 people per day.

Very young children, older adults, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems are at higher risk of becoming ill after consuming unsafe foods. Paying particular attention to these food safety tips, could save your life!

The four basic safe food handling behaviors are:

- ☞ **Clean**– Wash your hands and utensils to prevent spreading bacteria when preparing food.
- ☞ **Separate**– Use a different surface or cutting board for meat, poultry, seafood and vegetables or fruits.
- ☞ **Cook**– Use a food thermometer to determine when food is ready to serve. You cannot tell if it is ready just by looks alone.
- ☞ **Chill**– Keep foods cold! Your refrigerator should be set at 40 degrees or below to prevent bacteria from growing.

When you are not sure about the freshness of a perishable food item or how long it has been kept un-refrigerated, get rid of it. When in doubt, throw it out. This could very well be the one thing that keeps you healthy during any time of the year.



Fire Prevention

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
4100 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22030
Phone: 703-246-3801, TTY: 711 and Fax: 703-385-1687
Duty PIO (Weekends/After-hours): 703-280-0694
Media Information Line: 703-324-3000
E-mail: fire-rescue.PA-LSE@fairfaxcounty.gov
Website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire

Public Service Announcement 09-01
Date: April 22, 2009

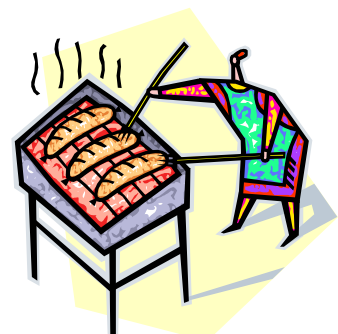


Barbeque Grilling Safety

Everyone loves a cookout and barbeque. However, cookouts can lead to tragedy if they are not properly planned. Outdoor chefs can minimize the risk of fire or injury by following some simple but practical safety tips:

- **Never use gasoline to start a charcoal fire.**
- **Use charcoal lighter fluid safely and prudently.** Adding more fluid on hot coals may ignite the stream of fuel and burn back into the can, causing it to explode.
- **Consider using a U.L. approved electrical starter in place of lighter fluid.**
- **Place grills away from structures and combustibles (minimum 15 feet) so they will not tip over or ignite objects above them.** One of the biggest dangers with grills is trying to use them on apartment or condominium balconies. This practice is unsafe and against the law.
- **Never bring a grill into the home.** The carbon monoxide produced by burning charcoal is dangerous, and deadly.
- **Keep a garden hose or a portable fire extinguisher handy in case fire in the grill gets out of control.** Call 9-1-1 immediately.
- **Keep children and pets away from fires and grills.** It only takes a second for curiosity to cause a serious burn.
- **Though coals may appear to be cool, always soak them with water.** Coals retain enough heat to reignite for days after a fire.
- **If your bag of charcoal gets wet, leave it in a well ventilated area away from the house.** During the drying process spontaneous ignition can occur in confined areas.

For more information about proper use, storing, and disposing of other flammable materials and other safety information, contact the [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org) at <http://www.nfpa.org>, the [National Safety Council](http://www.nsc.org) at <http://www.nsc.org>, or Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire.





Announcements



- ☞ June is National Safety Month. Help reduce injuries in the workplace and at home. Check out the National Safety Council's website at: <http://www.nsc.org/nsm>
- ☞ Touch-a-Truck community event. Come see vehicles of all kinds, fun for all ages. This is a free event sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department. It will take place at Ox Hill Baptist Church, 4101 Elmwood Street, Chantilly, VA 20151. The times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RECENT CRIME TRENDS

- ☞ GPS thefts continue to rise. If you leave a GPS unit on your dash or mounted to your windshield in an unattended vehicle, you are asking for trouble. Please remove all GPS units and other items of value from your vehicle. **Keep your vehicle locked at all times!**
- ☞ Theft of tools from parked vehicles.
- ☞ Theft of catalytic converters from parked vehicles.

Remember that theft is often a crime of opportunity. Let us strive to prevent this opportunity. Report all suspicious activity to the police. When in doubt, call it in!

CRIME PREVENTION TIDBITS

- ☞ Be aware of your surroundings. Walk confidently with your head up. You will be a less likely target for waiting criminals.
- ☞ Carry a personal alarm. If threatened, sound the alarm and bring attention to yourself. Hopefully, this will scare a would-be attacker off.
- ☞ If going on vacation, use a timer to operate lights inside your home to give it a lived-in appearance.
- ☞ Timers can also be used for radios and televisions. If a would-be burglar hears activity inside of your home, they are usually less likely to break in.

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for your child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians? **Next available dates:**

June 25	5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
July 2	5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
July 9	5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
July 16	5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you can call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

CAC Corner



The Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) met on May 19th at the Sully District Station. Animal Control Officer Dan Cook spoke to the group about the various functions of Animal Control and how they operate. The Officer of the Quarter results were announced: PFC John Lieb, PFC Scott Richards, PFC Virgil Swartz and Crime Analyst Camie King were recognized for their work excellence. Congratulations to each of them!

At the June 16th meeting, Sergeant Bill Fulton spoke to the group about the impact of the School Education Officer position being cut. The annual picnic also took place. There was plenty of good food, sweets and drinks. These were all provided by the CAC, CAC members and Pacino, Ristorante Italiano.



Traffic Trivia

By PFC P. B. Katinsky



This month in Traffic Trivia we will cover the use of turn signals and signaling a lane change. Signaling your intentions while driving isn't just the law, it prepares other drivers around you for your intended actions.

All too often I observe people change lanes without signaling, and worse, people who put their signal on after they have changed lanes into a turn only lane. In other words they move from the straight lane into a left or right turn only lane and then put their signal on. This not only defeats the purpose of using the signal but it is also against the law. While some may think this is a minor infraction, it can actually be considered reckless driving (46.2-860) which is a very serious offense.

Some drivers also think that just because they use their signal before changing lanes (or merging into traffic) it automatically gives them the right of way. IT DOES NOT. The law states that every driver who intends to back, stop, turn, or partly turn from a direct line

shall first see that such movement can be made safely. Then, if the operation of any other vehicle may be affected, give a proper signal.

Signals can be given by hand and arm or by some mechanical or electrical device. When the lawful speed is more than 35 miles per hour, such signals shall be given continuously for a distance of at least 100 feet before the turn, and in all other cases 50 feet. *That's right, at least 100 feet and 50 feet, not after you have already made the lane change.*

As always I have included the state code sections for you to review. There are other times when a signal is required but I wanted to focus on the most common occurrences. Drive safely and remember to use your turn signal!

§ 46.2-848. Signals required on backing, stopping, or turning.

Every driver who intends to back, stop, turn, or partly turn from a direct line shall first see that such movement can be made safely and, whenever the operation of any other vehicle may be affected by such movement, shall give the signals required in this article, plainly visible to the driver of such movement, shall give the signals required in this article, plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicle, of his intention to make such movement.

(Code 1950, § 46-233; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-216; 1960, c. 113; 1989, c. 727.)

§ 46.2-849. How signals given.

A. Signals required by § 46.2-848 shall be given by means of the hand and arm or by some mechanical or electrical device approved by the Superintendent, in the manner specified in this section. Whenever the signal is given by means of the hand and arm, the driver shall indicate his intention to start, stop, turn, or partly turn by extending the hand and arm beyond the left side of the vehicle in the manner following:

- 1. For left turn or to pull to the left, the arm shall be extended in a horizontal position straight from and level with the shoulder;*
- 2. For right turn or to pull to the right, the arm shall be extended upward;*
- 3. For slowing down or stopping, the arm shall be extended downward.*

B. Wherever the lawful speed is more than 35 miles per hour, such signals shall be given continuously for a distance of at least 100 feet, and in all other cases at least 50 feet, before slowing down, stopping, turning, or partly turning.

C. A person riding a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped shall signal his intention to stop or turn. Such signals, however, need not be given continuously if both hands are needed in the control or operation of the bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped.

D. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, a person operating a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped may signal a right turn or pull to the right by extending the right hand and arm in a horizontal position straight from and level with the shoulder beyond the right side of the bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped, and may signal slowing down or stopping by extending the right arm downward.

(Code 1950, § 46-234; 1954, c. 15; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-217; 1981, c. 585; 1989, c. 727; 2001, c. 834; 2002, c. 254; 2004, cc. 947, 973.)

§ 46.2-850. Change of course after giving signal.

Drivers having once given a hand or light signal shall continue the course thus indicated, unless they alter the original signal.

(Code 1950, § 46-235; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-218; 1989, c. 727.)

§ 46.2-851. Signals prior to moving standing vehicles into traffic.

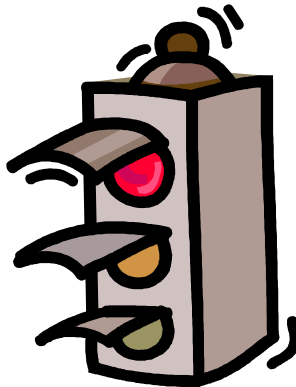
Drivers of vehicles stopped at the curb or edge of a highway, before moving such vehicles, shall signal their intentions to move into traffic, as provided in this article, before turning in the direction the vehicle will proceed from the curb.

(Code 1950, § 46-237; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-220; 1989, c. 727.)

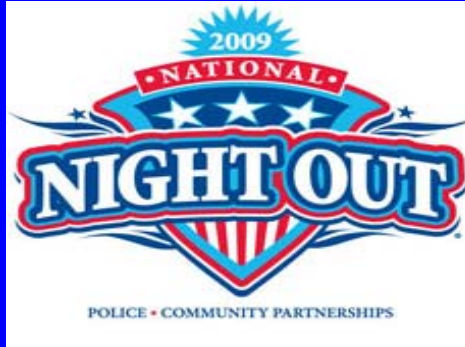
§ 46.2-860. Failing to give proper signals.

A person shall be guilty of reckless driving who fails to give adequate and timely signals of intention to turn, partly turn, slow down, or stop, as required by Article 6 (§ [46.2-848](#) et seq.) of this chapter.

(Code 1950, §§ 46-209, 46-209.1; 1950, p. 880; 1952, c. 671; 1954, cc. 225, 401, 458; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-190; 1960, c. 510; 1964, c. 266; 1966, c. 694; 1968, c. 575; 1970, c. 521; 1974, cc. 222, 455; 1975, c. 633; 1978, c. 27; 1979, c. 86; 1981, cc. 333, 585; 1985, c. 148; 1989, c. 727.)



Fairfax County Police Department



August 4th 2009



**August will be here before you know it,
so start making your plans now.**

**If you are holding an event within the Sully po-
lice district, please contact MPD W. M. Brock or
PFC P. B. Katinsky, Crime Prevention Officers at
the Sully District Station.**



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Antique Police Car

When: Saturday June 27, 2009
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Ox Hill Baptist Church
4101 Elmwood St.
Chantilly, VA 20151



Bring the whole family out!



More info:
703-814-7048
Or
703-814-7018



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County of Fairfax, Virginia

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME CANVASS

The Fairfax County Police Department Criminal Investigations Section is investigating a sexual assault of an 18-year-old female. This occurred on Sunday, May 17, 2009, in the 14000 block of Franklin Fox Drive, Centreville, Virginia. The suspect entered the residence and inappropriately touched the female while she was sleeping.

A sketch of the suspect is at the bottom of this page. He is described as a white male approximately 25 to 30 years old. He was about 5 feet to 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed 200 to 220 pounds, with short, straight, black hair. He was wearing light-colored jeans, a black baseball hat and a black shirt.

REMEMBER:

The information that you have could be the critical link in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at **1-866-411-TIPS/8477**. E-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "**TIP187**" plus your message to **CRIMES/274637** or call Fairfax County Police at **703-691-2131**.

Callers who provide information through Crime Solvers that leads to an arrest will become eligible to receive a reward from \$100 to \$1,000.

Callers never have to give their names, just the information. The information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential.

You may also contact the detective that is assigned to the case directly.

Detective Keith Castilon

Fairfax County Police Department
Criminal Investigations Section
4900 Stonecroft Blvd.
Chantilly, VA 20151



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Prevention Awareness



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Sully District Station
Crime Prevention Unit



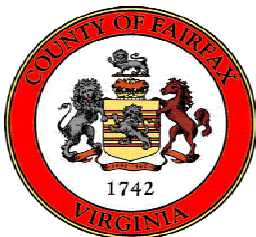
THEFTS FROM VEHICLES ARE ON THE RISE !

Protect your property !!

Increasing numbers of purses, wallets, laptop computers, GPS units, i-Pods, cameras, and other valuable items are being stolen from vehicles.

Tips for deterring thefts:

- Do not leave valuables visible from the outside.
- Items should be REMOVED and not just concealed.
- Lock all doors and close the windows when leaving the car, even if it's only for a short time.
- When possible, try to park in a well-lit area.
- Call the police IMMEDIATELY if you observe ANY suspicious people, vehicles, or activity in your neighborhood.



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Non-Emergency 703-691-2131
Emergency 911

For more information please contact the Sully District Station Crime Prevention Unit at 703-814-7018 or 703-814-7048

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Support the Fairfax County Police Department CANTEEN



Save your caps and flaps!

The Citizens Police Academy alumni are collecting Coke bottle caps and 12-pack flaps for the FCPD Canteen. The Canteen provides needed refreshments to officers during critical incidents. Reward points from caps and flaps will be redeemed for free refreshments from Coke. You can drop off any caps and flaps that are collected at the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151.

Thanks for your support!

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File a Report online
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs

Virginia Amber Alert

<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Code of Virginia
Searchable Database

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime Prevention Office:
703-814-7018
or
703-814-7048

Child Car Seat Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

Citizen Reporting System
(to file reports only)
703-691-2131



Business Security Surveys

This is just a reminder: The Fairfax County Police Department, in addition to Home Security Inspections, does Business Security Surveys free of charge. Here is a brief description of this service:

A qualified, trained Fairfax County Police officer or auxiliary officer will inspect the locks, doors and windows of your business with you. Exterior lighting, landscaping and other factors affecting the protection of your business from burglary also will be reviewed. The officer will make recommendations for improving your business' security. These recommendations will be provided in writing to allow you to review and implement them at your own pace.

Contact either Crime Prevention Officer at the Sully District Station to arrange your free inspection.



You are invited to join the Fairfax County Police Department's new Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) organization. The Sully District Station has formed a small group of interested and motivated individuals as a core for the district's SALT Council. SALT Councils act as an advisory group from their specific geographical regions. All of the SALT Councils then come together to form the Triad for the entire county.

The goal of Triad is to reduce the fear of crime and victimization among seniors, increase awareness of scams and frauds targeting seniors, strengthen communication between the law enforcement and senior communities and educate seniors on local and state resources that are available in their communities.

To make this program work, we need more members. Please step up and let your voice be heard. Participants play an important role in collaborating with the public safety community. Volunteer today! We really need your support to keep this program going.

For more information and to learn how to get involved call MPO W. M. Brock at 703-814-7048 or PFC P. B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018. You can also e-mail us at wbrock1@fairfaxcounty.gov or pkatin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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